

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 305 by Senator Harris

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" insert "amend and reenact "R.S. 33:4071 and to"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 3, after "relative to" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 4 and  
5 insert the following:

6 "the development of a coordinated flood prevention plan; to provide relative to the  
7 responsibility for drainage operations in the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to  
8 funding; and to provide for"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 8, change "R.S. 33:4071.2 is" to "R.S. 33:4071 is amended and reenacted and  
11 R.S. 33:4071.2 is"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

13 On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

14 "§4071 Creation and organization of sewerage and water board  
15 A.(1) The public water system, the public sewerage system, and the public  
16 drainage system of the city of New Orleans shall be constructed, controlled,  
17 maintained, and operated by a sewerage and water board to be composed as follows:  
18 \* \* \*  
19 (b) The chair of the Public Works, Sanitation and Environment Committee  
20 of the New Orleans city council, **or an appointment selected by the council**  
21 **president with a background in engineering, law or consumer advocacy selected**  
22 **with the advice and consent of the city council,** ~~a member of the committee~~  
23 ~~appointed by the chair, or a civil engineer appointed by the chair.~~ Any member  
24 appointed by the chair shall serve at the pleasure of the chair.  
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26 AMENDMENT NO. 5

27 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 11, and insert the following:

28 "**§4071.2 Drainage operations; city of New Orleans**  
29 **A. At the beginning of every year, the Louisiana Department of**  
30 **Transportation and Development and the Governor's Office of Homeland**  
31 **Security and Emergency Preparedness shall meet with the Sewerage and Water**  
32 **Board of New Orleans executive director and his team to develop a coordinated**  
33 **flood prevention plan. The purpose of the meeting shall be to identify areas that**  
34 **need to be addressed in order to allow for proper drainage. The plan shall be**  
35 **presented to the secretary of Louisiana Department of Transportation and**  
36 **Development and members of the New Orleans Delegation and the city of New**  
37 **Orleans.**  
38 **B.(1) The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans shall be**  
39 **responsible for all drainage operations in the city of New Orleans. The city of**  
40 **New Orleans shall transfer all employees and equipment used for drainage**  
41 **maintenance to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board.**

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**(2)The city of New Orleans shall allocate on an annual basis to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board the same level of funding the New Orleans Department of Public Works utilized in fiscal year 2023 for drainage operations. Any other increases in funding by the city of New Orleans to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board shall be subject to New Orleans City Council approval.**

**C. The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the city of New Orleans, and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans shall work together to develop a city wide resilience plan. The city of New Orleans, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority shall sign a collective bargaining agreement to assist in the coordination of the city of New Orleans award of one hundred forty one million three hundred thousand dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development National Disaster Resilience Grant."**